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SUBJECT: MARKET RESEARCH: MULTIPLE THEME CONTRACT

REF: STATE 063340

1. MARKET RESEARCH SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBJECT CONTRACT
MAILED APO APRIL 12. DRAFT CONTRACT MAILED APRIL 14.
ASSUME POST BUDGET OFFICER WILL REVIEW CONTRACT TO ENSURE
ALL LOCAL CONDITIONS COVERED.

2. FOLLOWING PRODUCT THEMES SELECTED FOR STUDY IN PRIORITY
ORDER WITH DUE DATES FOR RESEARCH: PETROCHEMICAL (SEPT.
30, 1976); TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DECEMBER 31, 1976); ENERGY
SYSTEMS (MARCH 31, 1977); PLASTIC PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT
(JUNE 30, 1977); EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT (SEPT.
30, 1977); ADVANCE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT (DECEMBER 1977).

3. METALWORKING NOT INCLUDED SINCE RESEARCH WOULD NOT BE
AVAILABLE IN TIME TO PREPARE PLANS PACKAGE DUE WITHIN USDOC
JUNE 12, 1976. ALSO METALWORKING SUBJECT OF GLOBAL MARKET
RESEARCH DUE JUNE 1977. THEREFORE, IT MAY BE NECESSARY
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REQUEST POST - UPDATE EXISTING MARKET RESEARCH IN MAY.
ADVISE IF POSSIBLE TO SUBMIT SHORT UPDATE NO LATER THAN MAY

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4. PRINTING AND GRAPHIC ARTS NOT INCLUDED AS GLOBAL MARKET RESEARCH DUE JANUARY 1977. WE HOPE THIS CONTRACT AND GLOBAL MARKET RESEARCH COMBINED WILL PROVIDE EIGHT NEW RESEARCH STUDIES BY END 1977.

5. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT IS NEW THEME NOT PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED. HOWEVER, REVIEW COMPREHENSIVE MARKET RESEARCH STUDY AND VENEZUELA DEVELOPMENT PLANS INDICATE STRONG NEED TRAINING/EDUCATIONAL AIDS AND PROGRAMS. REQUEST POST CONCURRENCE THIS THEME SELECTION.

6. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL EXHIBITIONS FY 1977 INCLUDE FOLLOWING TWO THEMES: PROCESS CONTROL, LABORATORY INSTRUMENTS AND PETROCHEMICAL EQUIPMENT, JUNE 1977; TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO AND TV EQUIPMENT SEPTEMBER 1977. PROGRAM CLEARANCE THESE THEMES AND DATES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY USDOC AND POST ADVISED.

7. SUGGESTED EXHIBITION SCHEDULE FOR FY 1978 FOLLOWS: PRINTING AND GRAPHIC ARTS, MARCH 1978; ENERGY SYSTEMS, JUNE 1978; PLASTIC PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, SEPTEMBER 1978. THE ABOVE SCHEDULES FOR FY 1977 AND FY 1978 FOLLOW MARKET RESEARCH AVAILABILITY AND DUE DATES. A CHANGE IN TIMING OF AN EVENT WOULD REQUIRE A SIMILAR CHANGE IN SEQUENCE IN THE ORDER MARKET RESEARCH TO BE SUBMITTED. THIS FLEXIBILITY TO BE INCLUDED IN RESEARCH CONTRACT.

8. SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRST TWO THEME STUDIES TO BE MAILED BY APRIL 31. AS INDICATED REFTEL POST SHOULD THEN REQUEST BIDS FROM CONTRACTORS. IN THE MEANTIME, POST MAY WISH ALERT PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS TO OPPORTUNITY FOR MULTIPLE THEME STUDY. DECISION AS TO TIMING OF CONTACT WITH LOCAL COMPANIES IS LEFT TO POST DISCRETION. ROBINSON

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